John A. Brinkman

In the autumn, John A. Brinkman participated in a symposium at Cornell University honoring Peter Kuniholm on his retirement as founding director of the Malcolm and Carolyn Wiener Dendrochronology Laboratory; he delivered a lecture assessing the current status and problems of research in Mesopotamian chronology of the historical period (2350–140 B.C.). With financial support from the Mellon Foundation, he was able to continue museum research on Middle Babylonian documents in the Louvre (November–December), New York (April), and the University Museum, Philadelphia (May). He contributed three entries on Babylonian historical subjects to the *Reallexikon der Assyriologie* and wrote three notes for the French periodical *NABU* on the results of his museum research. He is currently preparing essays on Babylonian history in the second and first millennia B.C. for the catalog of a Louvre-sponsored exhibition on Babylon to be held in Paris and Berlin in 2008.